

Mahoning County Mental Health and Recovery Board Meeting
January 22, 2018
Minutes

Present: Carl Alexander, Marilyn Burns, Scott Fowler, Chief Bob Gavalier, Anna Howells, Bishop C.M. Jenkins, Ruth Mastriana, William Morvay, Eric Ungaro, Thomas Vasvari, and Linda Warino

Absent: James Bertrando, Anne Cobbin, Rocco DiGennaro, Bill Gambrel, Anne Lally, Sue Paluga, and Patricia Sciarretta

Staff: Duane Piccirilli, Brenda Heidinger, Mark Dunlap, and Aimee Schweers

Guests: Darryl Alexander, YUMADAOP, Vince Brancaccio, Help Network of Northeast Ohio, Joe Caruso, Compass Family and Community Services, Angela DiVito, Coalition for a Drug Free Mahoning County (DFMC), Darla Gallagher, Meridian HealthCare, Carolyn Givens, Neil Kennedy, and Joe Shorokey, Alta

Atty. Wm. Scott Fowler, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m.

29 – 2018: Motion: Eric Ungaro – to approve the minutes of the November 20, 2017 MCMHRB meeting. Seconded: Bill Gambrel...motion carried.

Officer Reports

A. Chair Report

- None

B. Treasurer Report

- Eric Ungaro, Treasurer, reviewed the Treasurer's report for November 2017 Mahoning County MHR Board and noted a balance in the amount of \$7,560,363.26

30 – 2018: Motion: Eric Ungaro – to approve the November 2017 Treasurer's Report. Seconded: Carl Alexander...motion carried.

- Eric Ungaro, Treasurer, reviewed the Treasurer's report for December 2017 Mahoning County MHR Board and noted a balance in the amount of \$7,174,072.92

31 – 2018: Motion: Eric Ungaro – to approve the December 2017 Treasurer's Report. Seconded: Bishop C.M. Jenkins...motion carried.

- Approve blanket list of bills for November 2017

32 – 2018: Motion: Bishop C. M. Jenkins – to approve the blanket list of bills for November 2017. Seconded: Eric Ungaro...motion carried.

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33 – 2018: Motion: Carl Alexander – to approve the blanket list of bills for December 2017. Seconded: Anna Howells...motion carried.

Committee Reports

- **Community Relations and Marketing (January 8, 2018)**

- Thomas Vasvari, Chair, discussed the Tri-County Advertising Campaign (Columbiana, Mahoning and Trumbull) and explained that the committee recommends participating in the campaign. The campaign is \$40,000 and the counties pro-rate this cost based on population size – Mahoning County share \$17,200. WFMJ is the media vehicle chosen to deliver the TV portion of the campaign to the public.

34 – 2018: Motion: Thomas Vasvari – to provide funding in the amount of \$17,200 for the Tri-County Advertising Campaign. Seconded: Anna Howells...motion carried.

- Thomas Vasvari explained the possible levy options for the fall 2018 ballot. It was discussed to place a .85 mil replacement plus a .5 mil increase on the fall 2018 ballot; or, .85 mil renewal, and in 2 years place a .5 mil replacement levy on ballot.

35 – 2018: Motion: Linda Warino – to table the levy discussion until the February 2018 board meeting, in order to hear from the prosecutor if the .85 mil replacement plus .5 mil increase passes, to stop the collection of existing .5mil. Seconded: Marilyn Burns...motion carried.

- Thomas Vasvari discussed the Agency Identification Statement recommending that the contract agencies be called the “preferred network of care.” A lengthy discussion ensued regarding assurance that the agencies designated by this nomenclature would meet criteria required by the MCMHR Board Contract before they were given this designation. The Executive Director assured the Board that any entity given this designation will have met the criteria before being included in the list.

36 – 2018: Motion: Thomas Vasvari – to recommend the contract agencies be referred to as “Preferred Network of Care”. Seconded: Eric Ungaro...motion carried.

Executive Director Report (see attached January 2018 report)

- Regional Withdrawal Management Regional/Detox Beds Information update
- Regional Crisis Unit
- Opioid Summit to be held at Covelli Center on February 21, 2018 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
- Capital Funding from OHMHAS. Duane explained that the Carter Recovery Housing received \$42,000 in Capital Funding for Recovery Houses. This grant paperwork is in progress
- YDC Update. Duane said that the board has 3 years before we have to accept.
- VISTA Position
- Behavioral Health and Juvenile Justice
- Spring Workshop
- Duane informed the board he has been contacted by Akron Children’s Hospital Boardman about their plans to offer behavioral health services at the previous Youngstown Hearing and Speech building.

Old Business

- None

New Business

- Mark Dunlap, Finance Director, asked that the following allocations for SFY2018 be accepted:
 - NKRC allocation increase by \$75,000 for Opiate Treatment
 - NKRC allocation increase by \$250,000 for Substance Abuse
 - ALTA allocation increase by \$9,800 for Prevention and Wellness
 - YUMADAOP allocation increase by \$15,000 for Prevention and Wellness

37 – 2018: Motion: Linda Warino – to approve the allocation increases. Seconded: Eric Ungaro...motion carried.

- Board members received a handout of updated Health Officers.

38 – 2018: Motion: Ruth Mastriana – to accept the list of updated Health Officers. Seconded: Bishop C.M. Jenkins...motion carried.

Board Member Remarks

- None

Provider Remarks

Darla Gallagher, Meridian

- Continue work on BH redesign; stated that TASC drug screens will be affected by Medicaid Managed Care

Joe Shorokey, ALTA

- Stated that they are working on the billing challenges of BH redesign
- Renovations being made at Camp Challenge
- Applied for Mental Health Treatment and Intensive Home Based Treatment certification
- Thanked board for allocation

Joe Caruso, Compass

- Ribbon cutting at new CSU to be announced soon
- Meeting with other providers to talk about plans at YDC
- Appreciated dialogue regarding Preferred Network of Care designation

Angela DiVito, DFMC

- Applying for 4 grants
- Ethics training scheduled for February 14, 2018 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. on the third floor of the CSB building

Vince Brancaccio, Help Network

- Put AED's at all locations
- Launching a new 211 text system

Darryl Alexander, YUMADAOP

- Stated that it is grant writing season
- Juvenile Court opened classroom space

Carolyn Givens, NKRC

- Thanked board for their support
- Partnership with Mercy Hospital for 14 additional detox beds
- Concentrating on positive work at NKRC


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- Housing is full
- Plan to come up with talking points to send to the legislators regarding limits being placed by managed care organizations on services such as drug screens and length of stay

The meeting adjourned at 6:24 p.m.

Minutes reported by:

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Linda Warino, R.N.
Secretary

Minutes recorded by:



Aimee Schweers, OCPS
Administrative Assistant/Prevention Trainer